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## Committee Wanted To Study Problem Of Juvenile Thefts

Invitations to serve on the committee to study the problem of juvenile thefts from the GCS Variety store were sent to key figures in the community last week, it was disclosed at the December 12 GCS board of directors meeting.

Letters were sent to the local clergy, to leaders in the Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, and PTA, to the school principals, and to the town recreation and public welfare departments.

The board set 5 p. m., January 17, 1948, as the deadline for turning in GCS patronage slips. It also pased the necessary motion recommending that patronage refunds be declared for 1947, up to the full percentage of the earnings of the year, the exact percentage to be determined by the membership at its regular meeting in February.

### Enlarge Bakery Shop

Sam Ashelman, general manager, announced the inauguration of an enlarged bakery department. New display cases have been obtained and were moved in this week. Arrangements have been made, he said, to secure a new source of supply from a nearby bakery. It was expected, he said, that deliveries would be made this next weekend. The first few weeks of operation will be a "test run," Bassett Ferguson, assistant manager, later said, "with a little of everything for sale. What people buy will determine the lines we will carry."

The board moved that Greenbelt Consumer Services serve as sponsor for Girl Scout Troop 85.

Election of a director to fill the vacancy created by Elise East's resignation was postponed until the next regular board meeting, January 9, 1948.

## Town Tops Quota In Chest Campaign

Greenbelt again went over the top in the Community Chest drive, with a total collection of $1,334.55.

Mrs. Harry Fleisher, chairman of the drive, expressed her thanks to the chairmen and all workers who contributed to the success of the drive, as well as all who made financial contributions.

At the conclusion of the drive, Mrs. Fleisher stated: "I would like to correct a rumor that has been circulating in Greenbelt. The money for the Community Chest drive collected by Greenbelt Consumer Services was picked up by Mrs. Fred Tuemmler, a county area chairman, at my request, and Greenbelt has unquestionably received the full credit for this donation."

Returns from block captains were: Mrs. Irving Grabel, $49.00; Mrs. Mathew Fontaine, 67.75; Mrs. Robert Harrison, $22,75; Mrs. Lowein Matheny, $156.25; Mrs. Walter Shine, $56.50; Mrs. Harold Hufendick, $16.50; Mrs. Ray Williams, $35.00; Mrs. N. C. Stage, $20.25; Mrs. William F. Ehrhardt, $10.00; Mrs. Donald Romer, $12.30; Mrs. John Elder, $15.00; Mrs. Shirley Levine, $68.95; Mrs. Thomas Dolgoff, $54.25; Mrs. Herbert Hertz, $19.50; Mrs. Harold Tennenbaum, $12.50.

Mrs. Lawrence P. Fern, $85.75; Mrs. Bernard Feig, $114.50; Miss C. O'Connor, $52.60; Mrs. Norman Olsen, $3.50; Mrs. A. C. Long, $15.50; Mrs. Harry Pollock, $9.50; Mrs. Wexler, $30.50; Mrs. I. Parker, 26.20; Federal Office, 92.00; Town Office, $42.00; Greenbelt Consumer Services, $58.00; Mrs. Harry Fleisner (includes Postoffice, Bank, Church collection and mail receipts), $101.50; Greenbelt schools, $86.50. Total, $1,134.55.

## Book Fair

Book Fair books will be available in the theater lobby on Saturday morning from 8 :30 to 10.

## GMHOC Plans New Committees

Michael Salzman, president of the Greenbelt Mutual Home Ownership Corporation, announced that at a meeting of the Board on December 11th, Chairmen were appointed for the following committees:

Development committee, Sherrod East; education, Cyrilla O'Connor; finance, Thomas B. Ritchie; legislative, Wells Harrington; management, Ben Goldfaden; and membership, Charles O'Leary.

### Special Committees

A special Executive Committee to supervise and set up policy with relation to work with the Trans-American Development Corporation, and to negotiate with PHA and other agencies, consists of Michael Salzman, Frank Shea, and Sherrod East, with Wesley Darling, Ben Goldfaden and Thomas Ritchie as alternates. Michael Salzman and Thomas Ritchie are also members of a special committee on appraisal research.

### Elections Committee

A. C. Long, S. J. Ringel and Arthur Wetter were appointed to the Nominations and Elections Committee, to prepare a list of nominations for the Board of Directors to be elected at the annual election meeting held the second Monday in February. This list of nominations must be presented to the secretary of GMHOC 30 days before the election, and must be prominently displayed in order that the entire membership may become acquainted with the names. In addition to preparing a list of nominees, the committee will conduct the election and supervise the tabulation of ballots.

In appointing this committee, Mr. Salzman stressed the fact that nominees should be representative of all of the members of the Corporation as of that date, and that their willingness to serve and qualifications be checked before the list is submitted to the Secretary.

## North End School To Enter Quiz

The Northend School has selected six contestants and six alternates from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades to participate in a "Quiz-Down" with the Bowie Elementary School, over radio station WTOP on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

The sixth grade contestants are Jim Stripling and Jerelyn Dilno, with Ray Zimmet and Rita Lawton as alternates. The fifth grade contestants are Charles Barlow and Roger Mazlen, with Jana Lee Andrusic and Gene Tucker as alternates. The fourth grade contestants are Ann Harrington and Aaron Knott, with Paula Bibler and Clifford Woodward at alternates.

The children selected are the pupils of Mrs. Ruth Lynch, who teaches the sixth grade; Mrs. Phyllis Dickey, 5th grade teacher; Miss Mary Parana, 4th and 5th grade teacher; and Mrs. Mary Rose Isennock, 3rd and 4th grade teacher.

The broadcast wil be held at the Hyattsville Elementary School.

## Girl Scouts Hold Party Tonight

The Girl Scouts of Troop 15, under the leadership of Mrs. Lawrence Mott and Mrs. Hilbert Kurth, will combine business with pleasure tonight when they hold their annual Christmas party. Each girl will contribute one book for distribution to some unfortunate youngster. Mrs. Kurth's Harmonica Band, consisting of Michael Juliano, Kenneth Miller, Wallace Sheretz, John Bryant, Robert Kosisky, and Nancy Kurth, will entertain the girls with Christmas carols.

Refreshments will be served by the girls who are working for their hostess badge. The cooking was done last night by the girls at Mrs. Kurth's home on Plateau Place.

## New Guard Unit Enlists 1st Group

Initial enlistments in Battery A, 224th F. A. Bn., Greenbelt's new unit of the National Guard, were completed last Tuesday night by the following officers and enlisted men:

1st Lt. Edward C. Kaighn; 1st Lt. Donald V. Rich; 2nd Lt. Eugene A. Ehrlich; Robert C. Howey, Arthur H. Baxter, Aubrey G. Jones, Morgan M. Johnson, Lee C. Ellis, Herbert E. Hazell, Jerald T. Cowell, Norman Granims, Barto E. Dennard, Earl James Myers, William R. Baxter, George A. Domchick.

A second group of men will be examined for enlistment immediately after January 1. Vacancies exist in all grades for men with service during the war. All men interested are requested to contact Lt. Kaighn or Charles M. Cormack for full information.

Plans are being made for inspection by Federal officers early in January and formal activation of the unit.

## Mayor To Light Christmas Tree

Mayor Thomas J. Canning will light Greenbelt's community Christmas tree next Sunday, Dec. 21, in a brief ceremony beginning at 4 p. m. at the Center. The Greenbelt band, Community Chorus, and Girl Scouts will furnish music, and at 4:30 p. m. the mayor will formally light the tree.

All Greenbelters are invited to be present.

## Senior-Sophomore Dance Tonight

The Greenbelt High School Senior Ball will be held tonight in the auditorium of the Center School. The seniors, and their guests, the sophomores, will dance from 9 to 12 to the music of Walter Hubbell's orchestra.

The auditorium will be decorated in red and white, with Christmas trees around the hall, and a winter scene in the center. Mr. and Mrs. Speicher and the senior class officers will make up the receiving line.

The refreshment committee is headed by Mrs. Clements, decorations by Mr. Chapman, invitations and program by Mr. Chapman, and gifts by Mr. Benjamin.

## Scouts To Practice Christmas Carols

Girl Scouts and Brownies, who will sing at the lighting of the Christmas tree, Sunday, December 21, will meet at the Scout Room at 3 p. m. to go over their music. Mrs. Gordon Finlay will be there to direct the girls. All Girl Scouts and Brownies in Greenbelt are urged to attend.

## Library Display

The library has again patterned its Christmas display after "The Sugar Plum Tree" by Eugene Field. It has been up since last Monday and will remain until the library closes at noon December 24. The library will remain closed until January 5.

## Auditorium Floor To Be Refinished

The floor of the Center School auditorium will be refinished during the Christmas holidays with a special substance supplied by Prince Georges County, according to PHA manager Charles M. Cormack. The new finish will make the floor surface smoother both for basketball and for dancing. Some painting will be done in various parts of the building.

## Town Council Passes Budget Estimate; Limits Manager To Straight Salary

By IRVING ROTHCHILD

The Town Council, with the help of an unusually small audience, last Monday night passed three ordinances: one for an estimated town budget of $177,045; one increasing the salary of the town treasurer and accountant to $3200, and that of the kindergarten supervisor to $2100, effective January 1, 1948; and one setting the salary of the town manager at $6500, with the specific stipulation that bonuses, increases in pay, or other additional compensation granted other town employees shall not apply to his salary, "past resolutions and ordinances notwithstanding."

### Clear Up Questions

Some discussion took place on the town manager's salary, the main point being whether or not the passage of this ordinance would imply that the town manager's salary for the past year was less than that to which he was entitled. Mr. Gobbel, however, stated that his main interest in seeing this ordinance passed was to clear up any question existing in people's minds about what his salary should be.

### Ordinance Rulings

The rules regarding a two-week period between first and second reading of ordinances were suspended in the case of the ones mentioned above; but one offered by Mr. Gobbel, to classify positions of town employees and set up uniform rates of compensation for each class of workers, was given first reading only last Monday. Suspension in this case was opposed by Councilwoman Harrington, who stated that a good deal more work should go into the classification set-up offered by Mr. Gobbel before she could be sure that she approved it. She cited as examples of apparent discrepancies in compensation the following: the head librarian's and the second assistant recreation director's annual salaries were practically equal, and those of the kindergarten teacher and of a clerk-typist are actually equal.

Mrs. Harrington added that not only are educational and experience requirements much greater for both the head librarian and kindergarten teacher than they were for either the assistant recreation director and clerk-typist, but the kind and amount of responsibilities involved are also very different. Mr. Gobbel replied that, at least in the case of the kindergarten teacher, the discrepancy between compensation and responsibility is not as great as might be imagined, since the teacher's salary is on a 10-month basis, while that of the clerk-typist is on a 12-month basis.

### Job Classification

Milton William suggested that a study be undertaken on the initiative of the town manager, with the volunteer help of several qualified experts in the field of job classification who are residents of Greenbelt. After discussion, Mrs. Harrington moved that a long-term study be undertaken of town employee job classifications, and a preliminary report made at the next council meeting, set by Council for January 12, 1948.

Discussion ensued on the progress of the town management investigation. Mr. William, as a committee member; Abraham Chasanow, as counsel for two of the principals involved; and members of the Council expressed a desire to see the hearings terminated as quickly as possible. Mayor Canning pointed out that a great many difficulties had beset the investigation committee, principally getting everyone together at a meeting. It was decided to call a meeting of the committee for Thursday night, December 18, to work out a plan for uniform meeting dates and notification of the parties involved.

### Better Patrolling

Need for adequate patrolling of roads near the schools was emphasized by John Brunjes, who stated that the roads leading to the Greenbelt schools lacked even such minimum warning signs as "School —Slow." Mayor Canning, as coun-

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## Chistmas Message For Greenbelt

By LUCILE FONDA

Rev. Eric T. Braund this week received a letter of thanks from the people of Haseldorf, Germany, to the people of Greenbelt. The food and clothing received in the recent drive here in Greenbelt, with Mrs. Elise East as chairman, reached Germany and were distributed among the needy. A town that has so very little writes its thanks to a town that has so much, as follows:

(24b) Haseldorf near
Uetersen, Germany
October 7th, 1947

Dear Brethren and Sisters in USA!

Even if the ocean, the bounds between nations, and other language and different history part us, we are tied together by our common belief in Jesus Christ, and you show by your will to help that this peoples and continents encircling faith in Christianity is firmer than all national separatism.

You have heard of the fearful distress here in Germany and you sent us much food and warm clothing. All that reached us I dealt out to the poorest of the poor in my community. I told everyone "it is a gift from the Christians in America". The old and the feeble, those unable to work, the children who know nothing of politics and are guiltless of their wrongs, the homeless refugees from the East and the wretches disabled by war,—they all partook of your beneficence. Believe me: you gave them new faith and a fresh hold on life. They all thank you with all their heart!

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## House Painting To Start Again

About 50 homes in D block of old Greenbelt have been painted so far, in a program about to be resumed by PHA administration, according to Charles M. Cormack, PHA manager. Working under contract to the town's federal landlords, the crew will continue in the same section of the community, painting homes in accordance with their priority. Priority in this case means that the homes longest unpainted will be done first. Accordingly, those homes still occupied by their original tenants are being painted first.

Mr. Cormack added that he hopes to be able to start a similar program to paint the interiors of the defense homes, possibly next spring.

## Road Shoulders Get 'New Look"

Town maintenance crews are busy filling in ruts in road shoulders, hoping to get most of the necessary repairs completed before bad weather comes, according to Town Manager James T. Gobbel.

The grading of the roads and filling in of the ruts will make driving safer. Roads drained properly help prevent ice formation, Mr. Gobbel said.

## AVC Meets Dec. 21

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Chapter, American Veterans Committee, will be held on December 21 at 11:30 a. m., at 13-J Hillside Road.

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*(Space limitations prohibit the publication in one issue of all letters to the editors received on this subject, in answer to Mrs. Ashelman's letter of last week. Instead of cutting them to our 150-word limit—our usual practice when space is short—we selected the following reply from the National Guard Committee to represent this side of the issue. The COOPERATOR, however, still reserves the right to cut any letter to the editor to the 150-word maximum.)*

## To The Editor:

## "Wrong Emphasis"

To the Editor:

As members of the National Guard Committee appointed under a resolution of the Town Council, we feel it is our duty to reply to Mrs. Margaret Ashelman's letter, published in last week's Cooperator under the headline "Wrong Emphasis?" While we respect the sincerity of her convictions we believe that there are sound answers to the questions raised in her letter which should be published in the public interest.

The organization of Battery A of the 224th F. A. Bn. in Greenbelt, of course, is not a panacea for the chaotic conditions in the world today. We believe that all political efforts to achieve peace and security should be continued by the responsible authorities of our government and by citizens' organizations.

Our National Guard unit does provide many answers to the needs of individuals in our community. It provides a constructive activity for a considerable group of young men for whom the social, recreational and athletic facilities in our community are not adequate. In addition to military and physical training, educational training in such fields as motor mechanics, radio and telephone communication, map reading and mathematics will be offered. The pay and allowances, which will exceed $15,000 per year, will provide a substantial source of income to members of the unit.

In the field of community needs, we have been assured of the construction with state funds of an adequate armory to house the unit. This building will provide much needed space for athletic, recreational and civic affairs for the entire community without direct cost to local citizens.

The provision of additional school buildings is the responsibility of the Prince Georges County Board of Education and will not be interfered with by the National Guard Program. These needs can only be met through the intelligent exercise by the citizens of Greenbelt of their rights as citizens and voters in this county.

Construction of adequate church buildings in Greenbelt is definitely the responsibility of the various religious organizations. Under our existing laws, no county, state or federal funds could possibly be used for this purpose.

A local National Guard unit provides a very real security to the community. In the event of any peace time disaster such as floods, forest fires, severe storms, or explosions, the presence in our community of a military organization with transportation, equipment and trained personnel would prove of the greatest value in protecting and preserving the lives and property of our citizens.

In the event of sudden attack by an aggressor nation, it is obvious that the Washington area would be a principal target. In addition to the known atomic weapons, new gases and bacteriological agents may be used against civilian populations. Small but highly trained groups of airborne enemy troops could easily be dropped from planes in a surprise attack with the mission of destroying power lines, transportation, reservoirs and governmental and industrial centers with the object of paralyzing our ability to resist. Such attacks could only be met by instant mobilization of small local defense forces of the National Guard.

We have read with interest the article by Hanson W. Baldwin in the December issue of Harper's Magazine entitled "The Military Move In." This article is concerned with the influence of professional military officers and Defense Agencies in our national government. It does not contain one word of criticism of the citizen soldiers who comprise our National Guard and are the guardians of our democracy. As to our need for the National Guard, Mr. Baldwins says, "We need military strength in this uncertain world; appeasement and weakness certainly mean war."

In her letter, Mrs. Ashelman asks, "Should we be complacent about a National Guard in Greenbent?" We urge instead a real community enthusiasm and pride that Greenbelt is assuming the duty of "providing for the common defense" and that its citizens are performing the obligations of citizenship as well as enjoying the privileges and benefits.

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To the Editor:

In your last issue of the Cooperator it was stated that the American Legion, through myself, appealed to the town for funds to assist in next year's Legion Junior Baseball and Football Programs. This statement is false. I requested the Mayor to consider more satisfactory arrangement in the allocation of funds in the Recreation Department Budget so that the teen age boys could be provided the same opportunities and equipment as the adults. At no time did I lead anyone to believe that any money, materials or equipment was to be given to the American Legion, but my main purpose was to provide a good program with coaching and equipment for all the boys who are not always able to participate in the athletic programs of the American Legion. The teen age recreation program has been neglected by the town. What they had to offer the teen agers in the past were not the type athletics programs that appealed to these teen age boys. The Junior Athletic Programs of the American Legion will continue as they have in the past.

LESTER M. SANDERS

## Furniture Wanted

Anyone having old furniture to dispose of is asked to call the Police Department. The furniture is needed to furnish the recreation rooms beneath the Police station.

# OUR NEIGHBORS

By DOROTHY McGEE
Phone 5677

The youngest set in one court on Crescent Road has found a very pleasant and friendly way of sharing their Christmas happiness with each other. A Christmas party will be held on Wednesday at the home of one of the kindergarteners. Each child will bring a gift for another child, whose name has been previously drawn by lot. Thus, everyone will receive a token of friendship and affection. One of the nicest things about Christmas time is the very special opportunity to demonstrate thoughts of kindness towards others.

Melvin Benjamin, 21-A Ridge Road, who has been a patient at Garfield Memorial Hospital, returned home last Thursday.

Sari and Alvin Shiren, 1-C Laurel Hill Road, and their daughter, Lila, will leave early next week to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Pennsylvania. They will be back home after New Years.

We hear that the Don Coopers are prepared to return from Germany next spring.

A son was born November 30 at Providence Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Preston Anders, 6-C Parkway Road. The baby, their second child, has been named for his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Tucker, 13-M Hillside Road, announce the birth of Pamela Louise, their second daughter and fourth child, at Providence Hospital on December 2.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCord of 6-L Plateau Place had as their recent guests, Mrs. Charles Moyer and Mrs. Delbert Bittle with her son, Jerry, of Pottsville, Pa.

Mrs. Albert Attick wishes to thank all the people who have bought cards from the Community Band.

Newcomers at 17-D Parkway are Mr. and Mrs. James Fitzpatrick and their son, Jimmy.

Ross Woodman celebrated his third birthday with a party for six boys and one girl. Carlene Brown was the "queen" of the fete. Each guest had an individual cake with a candle.

Josephine Louise Sheaffer of 58-G Crescent Road celebrated her tenth birthday December 10 with ten of her school friends. The table was decorated with a huge cake and the ice cream was in moulds of Santa Claus, snowballs, turkeys and poinsettias. The group then attended "The Jolson Story" at the Greenbelt theatre.

A new member of the family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mielke of 2-A Eastway is their infant son, David Russell.

Mr. James T. Gobbel and family will leave after Christmas to visit Mrs. Gobbel's sister in Charleston, South Carolina, returning after New Year's Day.

Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer and family will leave soon for Roanoke, Va., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Kinzer's sister and her family, also returning after New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Lazeroff, 16-A Crescent Road, have a new baby daughter, Laura Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Gardner Shugart with their children were guests for Thanksgiving Day dinner at the home of their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Reed, 53-M Ridge Road.

The 9-11-13 Club will have its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Gus Bealor, 13-E Hillside Road. Co-hostess will be Mrs. James F. O'Connor, 13-G Hillside Road.

Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh, 58-D Ridge Road, announce the birth of their third son, John, at George Washington Hospital on December 11.

Mr. and Mrs. James Foor of 10-Q Plateau Place wish to express their gratitude for the flowers and get-well cards, for the donations of blood, for the quick thinking and acting of Drs. Eisner and Wodak and for the quick response of the Branchville ambulance and the carefulness of the drivers. All these together, Mrs. Foor feels, saved her husband's life. Mr. Foor is rapidly regaining his health.

Carnie Harper returned home on Monday from Emergency Hospital, where she had sustained a minor operation. Glad to have you home again, Carnie.

Rachel Garner was called home to Westminster, Maryland, last Saturday, because of her mother's serious illness.

## St. Hugh's Catholic Church

Christmas Announcements

December 24: The Vigil of Christmas, a day of strict fast and abstinence for all Catholics.

Confessions: December 24, will be heard from 3-5 p. m. and from 7 to 9:30 p. m. for both children and adults.

A visiting Priest from the Trinitarian Monastery will help Father Dowgiallo with confessions in the Chapel, 58-A Crescent Road.

Masse on Christmas:

Midnight Mass Christmas Eve at 12 in the theater. All but children are welcome. None under 16 years will be allowed at the High Mass.

Christmas Day: Mass will be celebrated in the theater at 8 and 9 a. m.

The children will sing at the 9 a. m. Mass. Ten of the children will make their First Holy Communion at this Mass.

Sincere greetings to all of Greenbelt for a holy and happy Christmas from Father Dowgiallo.

Confessions: Saturday afternoon from 4-5 p. m. and in the evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Sunday Massees: 7:30 and 9:30 a. m. in the theeater. Visitors from Baltimore, a group of Faith Crusaders, will be present at 9:30 Mass, December 21. They are interested in our new Parish.

## Latter Day Saints

December 19—

A special Christmas Service will be preseented in Sunday School on December 21 at 10:30 a. m.

In place of our regular Evening Service, we have all been invited to attend the Christmas Program to be presented in the Washington Chapel, 16th and Columbia Road, N. W., at 6:30 p. m. Sunday.

Primary and Relief Society will be discontinued during the holidays.

December 19 and 26—

The Greenbelt Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will hold its annual conference on Sunday, December 28. Elders Ernest L. Wilkinson and J. Willard Marriott of the Washington Stake Presidency as well as others will be in attendance at both sessions. The first session is scheduled for 10:30 a. m. in place of the regular Sunday School. The evening seession will begin at 6:30 p. m. All meetings will be held in the Social Room of the Center School. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Lutheran Church

Pastor, Edwin E. Pieplow
Phone WArfield 0942 or
HYattsville 0383

Services—12:30 p. m. in the home economics room of the Center School.

Sunday School: 11 a. m. This Sunday only.

Tuesday: Deeper Spiritual Life Conference in Mt. Rainier, 8 p. m.

Wednesday: Deeper Spiritual Life Conference in Greenbelt, room 223 of the Center School, 8 p. m.

Thursday: Choir rehearsal at 6-Z-2 Plateau Place, 8 p. m.

Friday: Trinity Men's Club family Christmas party at school in Hyattsville, 8 p. m. All members and families are invited.

Sunday, December 21: Special Children's Christmas service, 4 p. m. in the Center School auditorium.

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas pageant presented by Trinity Lutheran School, 7 p. m. in the Center School.

Thursday, December 25: Candlelight Christmas services in Mt. Rainier, 11 p. m.

## Good Wishes

To the Editor:

On behalf of the membership of the Jewish Community Center of Greenbelt I wish to extend heartiest good wishes to the Christian Community of Greenbelt on the eve of their most important and meaningful holiday of the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members of the community who have extended their helping hand to us during the past year, our first year of existence. This excellent example of true fellowship and brotherhood is deeply appreciated.

EMANUEL I. MOHL,
Jewish Community Center

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To the Editor:

Our schools may be crowded and our nursery school may be housed in basement quarters, but our children can be thankful that the Margaret Ashelmans, pacifists, and others who would turn the other cheek when attacked, are still an insignificant minority in this country. May their number remain ever thus.

CLIFTON J. COCKILL

## Community Church Protestant

Friday, December 19—

8:15 p. m.—Couples' Club social meeting at the Curtis Barker home, 42-J Ridge.

Sunday, December 21, Christmas Sunday

9:30 a. m.—Sunday School. Santa Claus will be our guest.

10 a. m.—Men's Bible class.

10:55 a. m.—Church nursery for pre-school children.

11 a. m.—Church Worship Service. Sermon Topic: "Holy Birth." Special Christmas music by the choir directed by Thomas Ritchie with Mrs. Neff at the organ. The sacrament of infant baptism and dedication will be offered this Sunday. Gifts of food and clothing will be received during Sunday School and Church.

7:30 p. m.—"The Christ Child" Cantata will be presented by the Senior Choir of the church, augmented by several soloists. During intermission the Junior Choir will sing, and several children of the Sunday School will present various tableaux. Refreshments will be served in the Social Room by the Philathea Sunday School Class. The Senior Choir will be directed by Thomas Ritchie with Mrs. Daniel Neff at the organ, and the Junior Choir is directed by Mrs. John McClendon. Mrs. Ellen Linson will direct the tableaux. Everyone is cordially invited.

## Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church

Woodlandway and Forestway
Pastor, Raymond Ward Cooke
6-X Plateau Place
Phone 7466

Sunday, December 21—

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School
11 a. m.—Morning Worship
6:30 p. m.—Youth Fellowship
8 p. m.—Evening Worship

The evening service will be conducted by the members of the Friendship Bible Class.

Monday, December 22—

7:30 p. m.—Christmas entertainment for the Sunday School. All parents and friends are invited.

Booster Band—No meetings will be held on December 24 and 31.

"Christmas is the time for the open hand, the open house and the open heart."

## JCC Services

Sabbath services will be conducted by Rabbi Morris Sandhaus Friday, December 19, at 8:30 p. m. in the social room of the Center School. All persons are invited.

## James M. Carey

Funeral services were held in Washington last Friday for James M. Carey, 48, husband of Mrs. Helen Carey, 2-E Westway.

Mr. Carey died Sunday, December 7, of a heart attack at Willoughby, Ohio, where he had been visiting his mother. The mother, who had been seriously ill, died on Tuesday, December 9.

Joint funeral services were held in Ohio, and Mr. Carey's body was brought to Washington for services here and interment at Arlington National Cemetery.

## Brownie Troop Has Christmas Party

Brownie troop number 42 under the leadership of Mrs. Phil Crofford held a Christmas party Tuesday evening, December 16, for mothers, fathers, and Brownies of that troop.

Mrs. Bernard Feig was invested as assistant leader. New girls were invested and received their pins as a Christmas gift from Mrs. Crofford and Mrs. Feig. Rosettes were given to the girls who have been in the troop for one year or more. That night was Mrs. Crofford's birthday and she was surprised with a birthday cake made by Mrs. Feig. Gifts were exchanged by the girls. After refreshments were served, the girls entertained with Christmas carols.

## Community Chorus Plans Concert

The Greenbelt Community Chorus will meet for rehearsal Monday night, December 22, in the Center School. This will be the last rehearsal in December. All members are urged to attend this rehearsal, as the program for the concert to be held January 19 is under preparation.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Chorus should contact membership chairman, Mrs. Charles Cormack, at 3746, or Fred Pfeiffer, president, at 8711.

# High School Opens Basketball Season Against Alumni Tomorrow Night

Greenbelt will have an opportunity to witness its boys and girls in action tomorrow night when the High School boys and girls will play the alumni. This will be the opening game of what promises to be a very busy season. Jack Zeldin, high school coach, has a complete green team with no holdovers from last year's State Championsehip team. However, the boys show promise and should make a good showing as the season progresses.

The girls' team, coached by Emma Ruth Eley, is a little more fortunate with several of last year's first team returning this season.

The team rosters are as follows:

Boys—Raymond Austin; George Bauer, co-capt.; Leonard Clemmer; William Goodall, co-capt.; Richard Hause; John Martone; John Mowitt; Charles Midkiff; Harry Randolph; William Roberts; Harold Snead; John Teal; Richard Trast; James Williams; Paul Williams, mgr.; Bruce Taylor, asst. mgr.; Arthur Morin, asst. mgr.

Girls—Jean Whittaker, Jane Scovitch, Patricia Hart, Jane Johnson, Esther Wolfe, Marilyn Eshbaugh, Phyllis Birtman, Ann Lastner, Gloria Walker, Carole Howard, Mabel Vickers, Marie Neher, Shirley Curry; Helen Miller, mgr.; Mary Goodall, mgr.; Jeanne Hartman, jr. mgr.

## Schrom's Airport Used By French

Since August, the French tricolor has flown over Greenbelt on the wings of the glider flown by Colonel Albert La Douse, assistant air attache of the French Embassy.

Colonel La Dousse, in common with many other Washingtonians, has chosen Schrom's airport as his base of operations since it is the only airport near Washington having towing facilities.

On Monday, Mademoiselle Suzane Melk, famous French aviatrix, took Colonel La Dousse's glider up for a practice flight. Mlle. Melk, commander of the first French WASP squadron and possessor of the French Legion of Honor Medal and the Croix de Guerre with 2 palms, plans to make a try at the flight record of 24 hours now held by a Russian glider pilot.

Colonel La Dousse stated that Mademoiselle Melk plans to enter glider contests while she is in this coutnry. She hopes to enter the southeast states contest in Florida in January and possibly another in Southern California in May.

Although he has not taken part in any United States contest himself, Colonel La Dousse stated that his glider, a mono-cycle job, was flown by Don Pollard in the contest of the northeast states at Elmira, New York. Mr. Pollard won the contest, which was held from August 28 to September 1.

Pilots H. P. Little, P. M. Suddreth and F. M. Schrom operate the towing plane, a P-T 17 Stearman which tows the glider aloft before releasing it. The Washington Soaring Club also makes use of soaring facilities at Schrom's.

## Youth Center Extends Services

At the meeting of the Drop-Inn Advisory Board on Monday, Nov. 24, it was voted to extend the eligibility for membership to all Greenbelt High School students and alumni, provided they come within the required age limit. Previously membership was limited to residents of Greenbelt. This revision will make it possible for young people from other nearby communities who now attend or have attended the high school to make application for membership. The Board also voted to set aside Monday and Tuesday evenings for youth organization meetings, if members come within the age limits and if parents will be responsible hosts and hostesses. Reservations for these special meetings can be made through Miss Mudd. The limitations are that the boys and girls be single, and between the ages of 14, (or in 9th grade), through 25..

The board voted its thanks to Angus MacGregor, to the members of the Woman's Club, and to others who made possible the landscaping of the grounds adjacent to the Drop-Inn.

Mrs. Leon Benefiel, president, presided at the meeting which was attended by Paul Runnion, Richard Lewis and Jack Snoddy of the Executive Board; Rev. Eric Mrs. Rose Sansome, Miss Eileen Mudd, James Wolfe, Charles Cormack and John Speicher, principal of the Greenbelt High School, were present.

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After a converted National Service Life Insurance policy has been in effect for one year, the insured veteran may apply for a loan or for the cash surrender, Veterans Administration said.

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A veteran who withdraws a claim for compensation or pension against Veterans Administration does not lose his right to file another claim at a future date under existing laws, VA announced.

## Volleyball Wins Women's Favor

While the men of the town favor basketball, volleyball has drawn the most interest to date from the women attending Women's Gym. For the past month and a half they have been engaged in an exciting volleyball league. Due to interruptions in the weekly schedule, only the first half of the league has been completed, resulting in a three-way tie between Catherine Brady's team, Judy Fallon's girls, and Dorothy Palmerton's girls.

The second half will begin on the first Wednesday night session after the holidays, January 7, 1948. The women of the town are encouraged to save their Wednesday nights of the new year for Women's Gym and come down and join in with the exercises, table tennis, volleyball and basketball.

## Grade School Gals Start 3rd Tourney

The Elementary school girls finished their second tournament in their program of after-school active games, and are now organizing teams for their third sport, basketball.

Grace Wolfe's team came out on top in the just-completed newcomb tournament with Joan Rowell's girls second, Barbara Dennard's team in third, and Jerianne Weber's team last.

Members of the winning team are Grace Wolfe, captain; Blakely Littleton, Laurie Maffey, Betty Hurt, Barbara Colliver, Carol Fredin, Barbara Heidey, Helen Horstman and Virginia Davenport.

The basketball tournament will begin on January 6 and is open to girls in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades from Center school, Northend and Holy Redeemer.

## PTA Xmas Party

The Greenbelt High School PTA held a Christmas party on Wednesday, December 10, in the high school auditorium, with the high school chorus and soloists presenting a Christmas choral program. The five parts were The Prophecy, The Birth, The Adoration, The Rejoicing, and The Exultation. The audience joined the chorus in singing the "Hallelujah Chorus." Refreshments were served.

# Fox Squad Beats O'Connell Five In 22-16 Upset

Two of the three scheduled games were played Thursday, December 11, but Linderman's team was forced to forfeit their game because only three members of the team showed up. Those who are interested in getting a workout are urged to turn out and strengthen the league.

In the first game played at 8:20, Provost's team showed their might by defeating Kollar's team to the tune of 39-30. Mothershead tossed in 17 points for the losers, while Ward led the victors with 14. The second game was full of excitement as Fox's team upset last year's champ 22-16. This low scoring game was slowed down by many fouls. O'Connell's team had 16 fouls called against them, while Fox's team caused Referee Tierney to blow the whistle 17 times.

## North End School Hears 'Birds Talk'

Last week the sixth grade of the North End School presented a play, "The Talking Bird, the Singing Tree and the Laughing Water," before the entire student body. The play, an adaptation of the story from the "Arabian Nights," tells of two jealous sisters who kidnap the three children of their pretty sister, the queen. In the final scene, the children are reunited with their parents and the two sisters are punished.

Nancy Kurth played the part of the Queen, and Bill Higgins the King. Jerelyn Dilno and Zoe Fulks were the two evil sisters, while their husbands were played by Bill Freanor and Bobby Dove. The three children were played by Donnae Rae Rogers, Stuart Knott and Bobby Gross. Other characters were: Dancer, Sonya Friedman; Singer, Barbara Loria; Jester, Joanne Wallace; Old Lady, Mary Barret; Teacher, Jimmy Newton; A Mother, Rita Lawton; Old Man, Stapler Shields; the King's guards, Edwin Barber, Bill Nelligar, Howard Wilson and Tommy Bowen; Vizier, Albert Schmitz; the Bird, Rhodeva Nelligar; the Priest, Harry Merryman; the Maid, Nancy Ellis. The announcing was done by Jim Stripling and Floyd Hawkins. Bobby Dove, Bobby Miller, Edward Laikin, and Harry Merryman made the scenery. Bobby Miller did make-up.

This play was presented as one of the studies on Arabia. The class had been studying the *Arabian Nights* in preparation for the Book Fair in November and they decided to dramatize a story from this famous book of tales.


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## Rec. Program Pause As Schools Close

The afternoon and evening recreation program offered by the town Recreation Department will be cancelled for the next two weeks, since the Center School auditorium will be closed, except for church services, to refinish the floor.

Activities at the Northend school will be cancelled following tumbling class this coming Monday as this building will also close after that for the holidays.

Programs at both schools will be resumed on January 5, 1948.

## Handball Winners To Receive Awards

The Handball tournament sponsored by the Jewish Community Center was brought to a close last Sunday. The winners of the tournament, Shinderman and Tennenbaum, played an outstanding game to down their opponents, Goldberg and Berkofsky, in the first two games of a three-game series, 15-6, 15-6. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and their opponents at the handball courts, Sunday, December 21.

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The Manitoba Cooperator, published by Manitoba Pool Elevators, will be issued weekly beginning October 23. The paper is now four years old and has a circulation of 47,000.


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# Message

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May I tell you about the lot of only one of those you helped? It is typical for that of many others. She is the mother of several children. The father and supporter of the family is still prisoner in Russia. His wife does not know whether he is still alive or dead. So her heart flickers day by day between fear and hope. When the war was over, she had to flee with her children from their native town in Eastern Prussia the Poles overran. All they had she must leave behind, but what they could carry about them or in their valises they took along. Their clothes are now ragged and torn. New clothing is not to be had. So she must let her children run about barefooted and without a coat or underwear. She must see how they fall sick under such conditions without being able to help. And she is unable to give them enough to eat, so they look pale and starved and fall away. No wonder then that many a mother despairs under such circumstances!

But you, dear brethern and sisters, now helped many of these outcasts we ourselves can do but very little for. Many of them have found their way back to Jesus Christ thanks to your help, and many were so moved by your high-mindedness in their indescriable misery that they thanked me with tears in their eyes, asking me to write you their heartfelt thanks. This I am herewith doing.

May the Lord requite you hundredfold the good you have done the poorest of our brethren and sisters of this community!

May I concludingly ask for one more favour? I want it not for myself but only for our Divine Service. We should like so much to have two candles burn during the Holy Service on Sundays on the altar. This has always been the custom in our Lutheran Service and our people are used to that. But our altar candles were used up already during the war and new ones cannot be had. So if you could let us have two candles, you would procure us a great pleasure. I would then in the service when they burn the first time make known the name of the giver and thank him for his gift. But in reality he would make this gift not alone to us but to the Lord you and we serve. These candles shall burn above all in His reverence, but also as token of your love and our gratefulness.

For the People of Haseldorf
Helmut Hardt
Pastor

We are happy to report that the Afternoon Guild of the Community Church has sent a box of candles air mail to Pastor Hardt so that they will reach Haseldorf in time for the Christmas Season. If as the Christmas Season approaches you feel that you too want to give to these unfortunate people, won't you get in touch with Rev. Braund? It will make your Christmas even happier if you do so.

# Range Officers Off Duty Now

With the approach of winter, the Greenbelt Gun Club has discontinued its regular week-end service of providing range officers to supervise firing at the target range. Until further notice, persons not affiliated with the Club who wish to use the range will have to make special arrangements with individual club members or with the police.

Attention is drawn to the provision of law which prohibits anyone from firing on Greenbelt property except at the range. The law also requires that a range officer be present when the range is used.

# Council

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cil member of the public safety committee, promised to give this matter serious consideration.

Mr. Gobbel announced that the town Christmas tree will be lighted in the center at 4 p. m. on Sunday, December 21, by Mayor Canning. The usual Christmas carol program might not be broadcast from the center this year, he said, since the record player previously used is in a bad state of repair, but he promised to see if another player and loudspeaker could be used for the program.

### CTC Protest

Mr. Lastner reported that Mr. Gobbel and he had requested the Maryland Public Service Commission to postpone the request of the Capital Transit Company for an increase in fares. Several other towns in the area affected had been represented at the hearings on the request, and as a result of the opposition, the PSC had postponed any action until April 3, 1948. Mr. Lastner pointed out that hearings on the abandonment of the Beltsville run will be held on January 6, and that he plans to attend as a member of the council.

The council also passed a resolution of thanks for the work on the estimated town budget by Mrs. McCamy, Mrs. Dove, Miss Kandler, Mr. Gobbel and the department heads.

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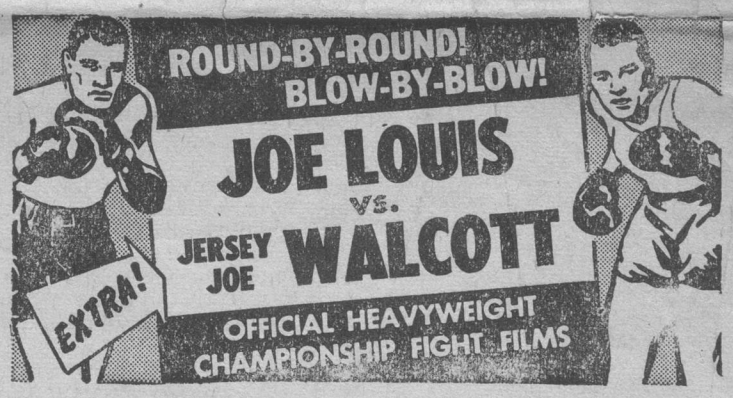
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